

103 of the bill, the Health Resources and Services Administration is not expected to follow the placement requirements outlined under the National Health Service Corps.

IV. BASIC NURSE EDUCATION

A. INTENT OF LEGISLATION

The legislation adds a number of new programs to section 831, and it is Congress' intent to ensure that these programs are actually funded and implemented. Therefore, Congress expects that the Secretary will seek to fund worthy applications received under the Section 831 authorities that have been added, while assuring that existing priorities indicated under section 831 also continue.

Congress anticipates that the use of funds under 831(c)(2) will directly affect nurses in their workplaces and will be monitored for demonstrable improvement in the areas of nurse retention and patient care.

B. BACKGROUND

In authorizing section 831(c)(2), Congress did so with the evidence of the efficacy of magnet hospitals in mind. The concept of magnet hospitals dates back to the country's last nursing shortage in the 1980's. At the time, nursing professional organizations and other experts noticed that despite the nationwide nurse shortage, certain hospitals were able to successfully attract and retain professional nurses, behaving as nursing "magnets." A study of these hospitals showed that they shared a number of characteristics, each of which contributed to making these "magnet hospitals" attractive workplaces for nurses. Many of these attributes have been mentioned in section 831(c)(2). Currently hospitals can receive a magnet designation from the American Nurse Credentialing Center, and extensive research on magnet-designated facilities shows that nurses in these hospitals show an average length of employment twice that of nurses in non-magnet hospitals, and magnet hospital nurses consistently report greater job satisfaction. Research has demonstrated that magnet hospitals also show lower mortality rates, shorter lengths of stay, and higher patient satisfaction.

V. NURSE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the nurse faculty loan program is to encourage individuals to pursue a master's or doctoral degree to teach at a school of nursing in exchange for cancellation of educational loans to these individuals.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIAL ELIGIBILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I have reintroduced the Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act to ensure that Arlington remain a cemetery dedicated to honoring our true military heroes. As you are aware, I introduced similar legislation in both the 105th and 106th Congresses, and both bills had overwhelming support from the full House.

H.R. 4940 codifies almost all of the current regulations governing eligibility for burial in the cemetery and placement in the columbarium with the following exceptions:

First, reservists who retire before age 60, the age at which they become eligible for retired pay, would be eligible for in-ground burial. A 20-year career in the military reserves should be recognized by eligibility for this burial honor.

Second, reservists who die in the performance of duty while on active duty or inactive duty training would now be eligible for burial at Arlington. In today's military, we depend heavily on reservists, and unfortunately we have lost too many in the last few years to mission-related accidents.

As in the previous legislation I mentioned earlier, the bill eliminates automatic eligibility for Members of Congress and other Federal officials who do not meet all the military criteria required of other veterans. However, this bill does provide the President the authority to grant a burial waiver to an individual, who otherwise does not meet the eligibility criteria, whose acts, services, or contributions to the Armed Forces are so extraordinary as to justify burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, it is my intention that H.R. 4940, which is widely supported by the military and veterans service organizations, will enable Arlington National Cemetery to remain the premier military cemetery of our country. I look forward to working with the other body to ensure that H.R. 4940 becomes law this year.

TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD R. DICKSON, REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER, THE GAS COMPANY- SEMPRA ENERGY COMPANY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to his country and community is exceptional. The Inland Empire has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated business and community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Mr. Arnold R. Dickson is one these individuals.

Arnold R. Dickson was born in Auburn, California and moved to Riverside, located in my congressional district, in 1958. He graduated from Ramona High School in 1962 and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1965 in which he honorably served for four years. Upon his return from the military, he attended Riverside Community College where he earned his AA Certificates in the Supervision and Middle Management Program. He obtained his Bachelor's of Science from the University of Maryland and recently completed the Executive Management Program at the University of California, Riverside.

Arnold's exemplary career with The Gas Company began in 1970 as a serviceman in The Gas Company's old Eastern Division, which serviced most of Riverside County. Arnold was promoted into management in 1978 and held positions in critical areas of the company such as Pipeline Operations, Customer Service, Public Affairs and Staff Management. On July 1, 1994 Arnold was selected to be the Regional Public Affairs Manager in The Gas Company's Inland Empire Region.

Arnold has also been actively involved in the community as the Vice-Chairman of the In-

land Empire Economic Partnership, a board member for the Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation, a board member for the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation and numerous other organizations that benefit the overall well-being of the businesses and residents of the Inland Empire.

Arnold has been married to his wife Priscilla for 34 years and has three wonderful children, the youngest of which resides with them in Redlands.

Arnold's tireless work as a community leader has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the County of Riverside. His involvement in community organizations in the Inland Empire make me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I am grateful for his efforts and service and salute him as he departs. I look forward to continuing to work with him for the good of our community in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARK OGLESBY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Oglesby on earning a James Madison Memorial Fellowship.

Mark Oglesby is an American History teacher at Howell High School in Howell, Michigan, and is receiving this fellowship to continue in graduate studies with a concentration on the history and principles of the United States Constitution. This award is intended to recognize promising and distinguished teachers, to strengthen their knowledge of the American constitutional government, and expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of our constitutional heritage.

I am confident that Mark Oglesby's hard work and dedication to educating America's young people will continue well into the future. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mark Oglesby on earning the James Madison Memorial Fellowship, and wish him success in his future endeavors.

MEDICARE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT FAIR PAYMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BURR to introduce this important legislation, the Medicare Outpatient Department Fair Payment Act of 2002. This legislation was introduced in the Senate earlier this year by Senators BINGAMAN and SNOWE.

Medicare provides health insurance coverage to more than 40 million seniors and individuals with disabilities; it has provided high-quality care to these individuals for more than 35 years. But, in order to ensure that beneficiaries continue to have access to high quality health care, we must ensure that providers

are being adequately reimbursed. We have only to look to the Medicaid program, which has a long standing history of inadequate payment rates, to see how dramatically payment rates can affect beneficiaries access to care. You can't expect to get the quality of a Cadillac if you only have enough money to cover the cost of a Yugo.

This legislation that we are introducing today will make sure that hospital outpatient departments are being adequately reimbursed under Medicare. First, it will ensure adequate payments for clinic and emergency room visits. Rural and inner city hospitals provide a high volume of these services and are especially vulnerable to low payments. This bill will address that problem. Second, the bill will extend the payment protections for certain hospitals, such as cancer hospitals and extends these protections to eye and ear hospitals as well to ensure adequate rates for these special facilities. Third, the bill would restore the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services with respect to outlier payments for outpatient departments and would ensure the outlier pool is adequate to provide insurance against losses in high-cost cases. Fourth, the bill gives the Secretary additional authority and direction with respect to increasing certain relative payment rates and preventing reductions from pass-through payments and budget neutrality adjustments.

These four points are only some of the key provisions in the bill. All told, this legislation will increase funding for hospital outpatient departments by \$380 to \$480 million over the next five years. This funding will certainly be beneficial to Medicare beneficiaries and others who receive care in these facilities.

Hospitals and their related facilities are important to our Michigan communities. They not only provide excellent health care, but serve as an important part of the local economy by providing quality jobs. Payments to many facilities have suffered in recent years as due to state and federal budget cuts. The direct result has been hospital closures and staff layoffs. The legislation we are introducing today will have a double benefit for Michigan—access to quality health care and access to quality jobs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this legislation and to improve reimbursement rates for hospital outpatient departments under Medicare.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 24, and 25, I was unavoidably absent due to family medical reasons and missed roll call votes numbered 327 through 351. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll call 327—Passage of National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act—NAY

Roll call 328—On Agreeing to the Conference Report—2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States—YEA

Roll call 329—On Passage—Disapproving the Extension of the Waiver Authority Con-

tained in Section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with Respect to Vietnam—NAY

Roll call 330—HR 5120 On Agreeing to Goss Amendment—YEA

Roll call 331—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Flake Amendment—NAY

Roll call 332—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Flake Amendment—NAY

Roll call 333—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Rangel Amendment—NAY

Roll call 334—HR 3609 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Pipeline Infrastructure Protection to Enhance Security and Safety Act—YEA

Roll call 335—HR 4547 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Cost of War Against Terrorism Authorization Act of 2002—YEA

Roll call 336—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Moran Amendment—YEA

Roll call 337—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Hefley Amendment—YEA

Roll call 338—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Hefley Amendment—YEA

Roll call 339—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Sanders Amendment—YEA

Roll call 340—H RES 498 On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4965; Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—YEA

Roll call 341—HR 5120 On Passage Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2003—NAY

Roll call 342—HR 4965 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—NAY

Roll call 343—HR 4965 On Passage Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—YEA

Roll call 344—H CON RES 188 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, As Amended—Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners—YEA

Roll call 345—H RES 495 On motion to postpone consideration In the matter of James A. Traficant, Jr.—NAY

Roll call 346—H RES 495 On Agreeing to the Resolution In the matter of James A. Traficant, Jr.—YEA

Roll call 347—HR 4628 On Agreeing to the Roemer Amendment as Amended—NAY

Roll call 348—HR 3763 On Agreeing to the Conference Report Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act—YEA

Roll Call 349—HR 4546—FY03 Defense Authorization On motion that the House instruct conferees—YEA

Roll call 350—HR 4546 FY03 Defense Authorization On motion to close portions of the conference—YEA

Roll call 351—HR 4946 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide health care incentives related to long-term care On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended—YEA

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the United

States Capitol Police. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, America as a nation has grown to appreciate the work that the Capitol Police has done to protect its citizens. The FY 2003 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill before us, allows officers to receive most of the back pay that they earned while working overtime since September 11. As you know, House employees, which include U.S. Capitol Police, are prohibited from earning more than Members of Congress. Because Capitol Police pay is calculated quarterly, officers who worked an enormous amount of overtime in one quarter, if annualized, can exceed the existing annual limit on pay. This bill's provisions change this method of calculating pay to permit officers to receive their overtime pay.

This bill appropriates a total of \$219 million for the Capitol Police, \$61 million more than the current level. This total includes \$176 million for salaries and \$43 million for general expenses. This level of funding will support 1,454 officers and 326 civilian positions. The bill also includes an additional \$37.5 million for Capitol Police buildings. This bill provides a 5% merit pay raise for Capitol Police, which would be in addition to the 4.1% cost of living adjustment provided to congressional staff.

This bill provides for a tuition payment program for police recruits and officers, as well as a measure to provide extra pay for officers with special duties, such as members of the bomb squad or those who provide protection to Members or visiting dignitaries.

As a former federal law enforcement officer of twenty-six and a half years, I understand first-hand the importance of the duties performed by the Capitol Police. Our officers have been spending numerous days and nights, working long hours, to ensure that Members of Congress, their staffs, and the general public are safe and protected. We certainly owe these officers a debt of gratitude. More than ever, I admire and respect our United States Capitol Police and am glad to see that their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY D. SMITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being and safety of the County of Riverside, CA, is exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Larry Smith is one of these individuals. On August 1, 2002, Larry will be retiring after thirty-six years of dedicated service to the community as a law enforcement officer. His outstanding work as a police officer and sheriff, in addition to his personal involvement in the community, will be celebrated on August 1st dedicated as "Larry D. Smith Day".